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SUBJ: MBFR: DRAFT MANDATE TO MBFR WORKING GROUP ON
FLEXIBILITY MARGINS

1. AT OCTOBER 16 SPC MEETING, THE UK REP (BAILES) PROPOSED THE
FOLLOWING MANDATE FOR THE MBFR WG'S MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS
ON FLEXIBILITY MARGINS FOR US AND SOVIET CEILINGS AFTER PHASE I,
AND FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES:

2. BEGIN UK TEXT

SUB-CEILING ARRANGEMENTS AND FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE

DRAFT MANDATE TO MBFR WORKING GROUP

ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT, FOLLOWING PHASE II REDUCTIONS OF
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GROUND FORCES TO A COLLECTIVE AIR/GROUND COMMON CEILING, BOTH
SIDES WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRANSFER MANPOWER FROM GROUND TO AIR
FORCES, OR VICE VERSA, OF THE ORDER OF 20,000 MEN, THE
WORKING GROUP IS ASKED TO CONSIDER FROM THE MILITARY AND TECHNICAL
POINTS OF VIEW WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE ALLIANCE MIGHT

REQUIRE FLEXIBILITY FOR TRANSFER BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES
IN THE ADDITIONAL CASES OF:

(I) THE GROUND FORCE SUB-CEILINGS IMPOSED ON US AND USSR
FORCES AFTER PHASE I REDUCTIONS, AND

(II) THE LIMITATIONS ON AGGREGATE ALLIED AND PACT GROUND
AND IAR FORCE MANPOWER RESPECTIVELY ARISING FROM NO INCREASE
COMMITMENTS BETWEEN PHASES.

THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE EFFECTS
OF APPLYING SUCH ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY RECIPROCALLY TO
THE WARSAW PACT.

END UK TEXT

3. US REP (MOORE) QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR THE WORK
"WHETHER AND". HE NOTED THAT PREVIOUS WORKING GROUP STUDY
HAD FOUND ADVANTAGES IN FLEXIBILITY MARGIN, AND THE QUESTION
APPEARED TO BE "TO WHAT EXTENT", NOT "WHETHER AND TO WHAT
EXTENT" THE ALLIANCE MIGHT DESIRE FLEXIBILITY
FOR US AND SOVIET CEILINGS, AND FOR PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES.
HE SAID THE PHRASE "TO WHAT EXTENT/" LEFT OPEN THE WHOLE SPECTRUM
OF POSSIBILITIES. UK, BELGIAN (WILLOT), AND FRG (HOYNCK) REPS
FAVORED LEAVING IN "WHETHER AND" IN ORDER TO GIVE WG BROADEST
MANDATE FOR ITS MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS IN THIS AREA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 20,
WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THE UK DRAFT MANDATE TO MBFR WORKING
GROUP.STREATOR

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